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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|----------|--------------|---------------|
| | 02/24/01 | 02/17/01 |
| BRO-FRY | 149,551 | 154,710 |
| LT HENS | 1,882 | 1,687 |
| HVY HENS | 1,348 | 1,534 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 10-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------|
| HEAD | 436 | 7 | 443 |
| LAST WEEK | 608 | 0 | 608 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 633 | 22 | 655 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 3,155 | 27 | 3,182 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 3,439 | 27 | 3,466 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 2,392 | 1,353 | 3,745 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,550 | 1,305 | 3,855 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,609 | 1,384 | 3,993 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 14,204 | 7,424 | 21,628 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 15,682 | 7,993 | 23,675 |

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-FEB-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 150,590 (A) | 1,585 | 1,487 | 3,072 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.36 | 7.90 | 5.55 |
| LAST WEEK | 152,518 | 1,956 | 1,346 | 3,302 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 155,193 | 1,986 | 1,335 | 3,321 |
| AVG WT | 5.10 | 3.38 | 7.77 | 5.14 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 1,043,702 | 12,634 | 8,884 | 21,518 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 1,076,285 | 14,229 | 9,301 | 23,530 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.4 million head or 3.6 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 10, 2001**

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| (A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE | (B) RETAIL | (C) DEBONING |
| 4.20 LBS & DOWN | 4.21-5.25 LBS | 5.26 LBS & UP |
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | |

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| HEAD | 35,049 | 21,803 | 46,960 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.91 | 4.79 | 5.99 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 34% | 21% | 45% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 33,818 | 29,037 | 44,630 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.77 | 4.86 | 6.11 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 31% | 27% | 42% |
| | | | |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 40,315 | 28,901 | 39,719 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.82 | 4.78 | 6.19 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 37% | 27% | 36% |
| | | | |
| TO DATE/2001 | 200,068 | 155,912 | 270,761 |
| TO DATE/2000 | 197,071 | 178,945 | 246,307 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-FEB-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| HEAD | 1,956 | 2,682 | 29 | 17 | 4,684 |
| AVG WT | 16.71 | 34.68 | 21.87 | 29.23 | 27.07 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 1,923 | 2,696 | 38 | 7 | 4,664 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 4,399 (C) | | 5 | 2 | 4,406 |
| AVG WT | 25.31 (C) | | 25.80 | 33.00 | 25.31 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 31,428 (C) | | 212 | 101 | 31,741 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 30,782 (C) | | 37 | 246 | 31,065 |

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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